

REMARKS

The change in the specification has been objected to by the Examiner. Applicants have amended the specification in a manner which is believed to overcome the Examiner's concerns.

Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite.

Applicants have amended claims 1-4 in a manner which it is urged that the rejection would now be moot. The Examiner's suggestion has not been adopted. With all due respect, applicants believe that the Examiner may have misunderstood the meaning of "an imaging surface" as being "a photosensitive member". It is noted that the description of "curvature of field change" in the specification should be read as "a variation of an imaging point". If the Examiner so wishes, applicants could accordingly amend the disclosure.

It is believed that claims 1-4, as amended are free of the Examiner's § 112 technical objection. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Ishihara.

Reconsideration of this rejection is urged.

Initially, it is noted that Ishihara is not prior art to the present application. Applicant's claim to foreign priority has been acknowledged by the Examiner. The priority date is previous to the US filing date of the Ishihara citation.

Additionally, Ishihara fails as an anticipation of the presently amended claims. Ishihara does not teach all of the elements of the instant claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is believed to be proper.

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at rzucidloe@gtlaw.com.

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